Bring NMSI to Our Schools

Dear Principal, Superintendent and Board Members,

I recently came across the <u>National Math and Science Initiative</u>, a non-profit organization known as "nym SEE" that appears to be helping school systems across the country increase <u>access and achievement</u> in advanced education for all students.

According to students, parents, teachers and administrators, the partnership and resources from NMSI have led to great and lasting achievements in all types of schools.

As a taxpayer, I recognize that you must be prudent with how resources are spent. Based on what I've been able to learn, NMSI works with schools to effectively reallocate existing money used for such things as classroom materials, lab supplies and continuing professional development. The organization also helps find new sources of funds from government grants, local companies and philanthropies. Nearly all those grants provide additional money for the expenses listed above so there can be more professional development for principals, counselors and teachers and new supplies for students. There's even the potential for additional subsidies for students who take the annual Advanced Placement exams.

I'm asking you to look at the materials I downloaded from NMSI and to schedule a call with the organization. I know that you're busy and I know that you want the best education for all our students. I believe NMSI could help.

Sincerely,



NATIONAL MATH + SCIENCE INITIATIVE



Tim Scott Superintendent at Kiski Area School District, PA

"NMSI is much more than just an initiative. It truly represents a cultural shift that is providing students, especially students who are historically underrepresented, access to high level courses and instruction."



Breanna Ramsey Former Student at Cass Technical High School, MI

"I feel very prepared. With the combination of NMSI and my supportive teachers, I feel like I can go far."

Rethinking K-12 Education

NMSI transforms K-12 education by setting high standards, removing barriers, building on teachers' strengths and ensuring all students have the access, resources and support they need to excel in rigorous math, science, English and computer science education.

NMSI learns community needs by working directly with district and campus leaders, counselors, teachers, students and families to introduce proven solutions and help guide the way toward lasting success.



Equipping educators teaching grades 3-12 with classroom resources, hands-on training and best practices.



Supporting school systems by increasing access to high-quality, rigorous AP courses, especially for students furthest from opportunity.

Focus on Computer Science **CS ALIGNED**

Partnering with districts to launch and sustain a K-12 computer science program with evidence-based curricula.



Prepping the Pipeline **TEACHER PATHWAYS**

Meeting the demand for qualified STEM teachers by creating multiple ways for subject experts to take on the classroom.

To date, NMSI's programs have impacted:

2 Million Students

65,000+ Teachers

1,400+ High Schools

45+ Universities

Next Steps

Contact your NMSI representative or email customerservice@nms.org to learn more.



How is your school doing?

Visit STEMOpportunityIndex.com to see how your school, district and state are performing in more than 100 indicators of STEM success.



LAYING THE FOUNDATION



Denise King Teacher at Maynard H. Jackson High School, Atlanta

"Laying the Foundation was phenomenal. I've learned how to scaffold, how to differentiate, how to teach the skills necessary for my students to find success."

AVAILABLE TRAINING

LTF is offered in person and online. Summer 2020 trainings are online only. Learn more at nms.org/SummerSeries.

GRADES 3-5 Math/Science English/Social Studies

MIDDLE SCHOOL English, Math, Science

HIGH SCHOOL English. Math Biology, Chemistry

NEXT STEPS

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Preparing for Success

Unlocking student potential starts with great teachers. NMSI's Laying the Foundation gives teachers the resources they need to raise expectations and develop advanced levels of thinking and learning. Led by expert educators, LTF helps teachers build and maintain subject matter expertise, enhance their leadership of diverse classrooms, and prepare students to be confident and creative problem solvers.







hands-on training

classroom-ready resources

instructional best practices

Year One: Thinking About Learners

Teachers learn and practice delivering high-quality lessons while gathering feedback from other educators

Year Two: Thinking About Teaching

Teachers analyze and reflect on how they prepare and lead classes and learn best practices from expert teachers and other educators

Year Three: Choosing a Pathway

Coming in summer 2021: Teachers select the development path that suits their needs

50K teachers trained in

1.8K

districts across the country since 2009



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COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM



Sergio Sauceda Academic Dean at Veterans Memorial High School, TX

"Part of the experience is changing the culture of the campus. If students are willing to step up to a challenge, NMSI has given us a good foundation for not only growth and support for our teachers, but for our students."



Christina Toler Student at Grovetown High School, GA

"In AP Chem, the teacher taught us a completely different way to solve the problem and it blew all of our minds."

Transforming Education

Through its flagship **College Readiness Program**, NMSI helps local school systems immediately increase access and achievement in STEM education while developing sustainable capacity to propel students toward success as lifelong learners and problem solvers. Together, we're eliminating STEM Deserts to ensure all students have access to the STEM education they need and deserve.



31% for female students

41% for African-American students

22% for Latino students

• **11.9K** AP teachers trained since 2007

38% for female students

AP enrollment**

59% for African-American students

28% for Latino students

*as defined by earning of 2, 3, 4 or 5 on a math, science or English AP exam from school year 2016-17 to 2018-19 **from school year 2016-17 to 2018-19

Elements of Success TEACHER SUPPORT Content-Specific Online Curricular Coaching Resources Training STUDENT SUPPORT Exam Fee Eccused Study AP Course Subsidies Supports Supplies SCHOOL SUPPORT Leadership Performance Goal Setting & Development Analysis Accountability

Next Steps

Contact your NMSI representative or email customerservice@nms.org to learn more and apply.

(as defined by earning a 3, 4 or 5 on an AP exam) NMSI U.S. 75.2% — after three years 13.7% 3.1% ALL STUPENTS AERICAN-AMERICAN

Increase In Mastery of College-Level Concepts

from school years 2014-15 to 2018-19

114.6%



STUDENTS

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NMSI Accelerates Online and Blended Education

About NMSI

NMSI is a Dallas-based non-profit founded in 2007. More than 50,000 teachers have experienced one or more of our evidenced-based programs and more than 2 million students have benefited from our work.

AP[®] Courses Supported Online

Biology Computer Science Principles Computer Science A Calculus AB Calculus BC Chemistry Environmental Science Physics 1 Physics 2 Physics C Statistics English Language English Literature

Next Steps

To learn more about our blended and online-only services, contact your NMSI representative or email customerservice@nms.org.

Building on Success from Proven Programs

The National Math and Science Initiative began delivering online and blended (a mix of inperson and online) supports for teachers and students in 2018, using the foundations of our proven in-person training and study resources to reach more students and teachers now and in the future.

NMSI's online and blended programs provide research-based teacher and student support, expand opportunities for schools in urban and rural districts and can support home learning. Regardless of location, teachers and students have access to an online community where they can seek guidance and build deep relationships. NMSI has a growing model to provide online and blended solutions that leverage rich content and best practices.

"Some people will give you a book and say, 'Go learn it.' [NMSI's online coaches] are not just showing what they did, but also modeling how they did it so you can see it in action."

- Shana Martin AP® Chemistry Teacher | Jonesboro, GA



Developing New Supports

Beginning in summer 2020, NMSI will evolve its highly regarded Laying the Foundation and College Readiness Program summer teacher trainings to blended delivery. The move expands support for teachers in grades 3-12 from four days a year to year-round without increasing operational costs.

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH NMSI



Justin Anderson Assistant Principal at Skyline High School, Oakland, CA

"Everything I've touched related to NMSI is valuable. All the support and resources and training opportunities we can provide teachers and students through NMSI is really out of scope of what we can do with the general budget."

BUILDING THE TEAM

Based on Student Enrollment

0-349	
350-749	
750+	

3 Team Members 4 Team Members 5 Team Members

AVAILABLE TRAINING

July 2020: Online Learning Series — Leadership

NEXT STEPS

Contact your NMSI representative or email customerservice@nms.org to learn more and get started.

Empowering Local Leaders

School leaders have a critical role in building a culture that invites and challenges students traditionally underrepresented in Advanced Placement courses. School leaders are also integral in making sure adequate support is available so students are set up for academic achievement. NMSI's College Readiness Program provides school leaders with essential **tools for the growth and cultivation** of AP programs, student achievement within these programs, and access to a network of like-minded leaders.

Advanced Academic Leadership Team

NMSI Program Managers meet regularly with leaders for strategic planning and dialogical coaching about best practices for increasing access to and success in collegelevel coursework. Leadership teams should include an administrator, counselor and other influential school leaders, such as teachers who are department chairs.



Partner School Director

School-level administrator who is the main liaison to NMSI Program Managers. **Empowers leaders** to create a culture of advanced academics for all students. Ensures strategic plans are moved into integration and sustainment.

Knowledge Management

Communicates up-to-date information about the NMSI program within the school and community, in addition to analyzing data to inform strategic actions.

Access Advocacy

Collaborates with teachers and students to **remove barriers** to AP coursework. Intentionally invites students to take rigorous classes.

Site Coordination

Certifies that teachers and students have **access** to NMSI resources.

Matriculation Management

Establishes a group that connects middle schoolers to AP students, college students and STEM professionals who can speak to **increased opportunities** through rigorous education.

Counseling experience complements this workstream.

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MILITARY FAMILIES MISSION



Josephine Juarez Principal at Veterans Memorial High School, TX

"When you have an Advanced Placement course, you don't have to worry as much about that transition, because it's nationwide. Our kids can jump right in to the course that they left behind, finish it here and test successfully."

REACHING FARTHER

With support from our funding partners, NMSI's Military Families Mission has extended its reach to 33 states across the nation.



To learn more, visit nms.org/MFM

Serving Success

Military readiness today depends on mission-focused Service Members who trust their children's schools. Readiness tomorrow will depend even more on Service Members with critical thinking, problem-solving and STEM-focused skills. NMSI's **Military Families Mission** empowers military-connected communities to meet the needs and support readiness now and in the future.

We've collaborated with 250+ military-connected schools, supporting 100+ military installations, to achieve a 39% increase in college readiness¹ in math and science

after just one year in our program.

¹as defined by receiving a 2, 3, 4 or 5 on a math or science AP exam; based on available data for school years 2016-17 through 2018-19

Increase In Mastery of College-Level Math and Science Concepts from school years 2014-15 to 2018-19

(defined by earning a 3, 4 or 5 on an AP math or science exam)





Partners + Donors

NMSI proudly joins forces with the **Department** of **Defense** and other donors and partners to further STEM education, including:



Next Steps

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